

# *Hi-grader Looting Old Almaden Mine*

SAN JOSE, Jan. 15.—History is repeating itself, and hi-graders are at work stealing quicksilver at the old Almaden mines as they did in Pioneer days, Sheriff George W. Lyle reported today.

P. H. Schneiter, who has been doing a lucrative business processing cinnabar ore and obtaining quicksilver from tailings at the old mine dumps, reported one theft of about \$200 worth of quicksilver. Several other miners have reported similar thefts of a smaller nature recently, the sheriff said.

In pioneer days the mines were often the scene of holdups and thefts in which flasks of quicksilver and sacks of payroll gold were taken.

The modern thefts are being probed by Undersheriff Harry F. Schumann and Deputy Sheriff Pat Doherty.

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# Tractor Crushes Miner to Death

SAN JOSE, June 2—A 49-year-old quicksilver miner was crushed to death by a runaway tractor 13 miles south of here today, while his 17-year-old son tried to save him.

The man, Harry F. Austin, the father of eight children, was working at the old Alamaden Quicksilver Mine with his oldest son, Tom, 17, and a friend, Fred Kafka, 36 of Palo Alto.

Austin was scraping ore loose from a bank near the parked tractor, when suddenly it started rolling toward him. His son jumped on the tractor and tried to set the brake, but the scoop at the front of the machine hit Austin, pinning him against the bank.

Kafka ran more than a mile to Austin's cabin, and told his wife to call a doctor. The physician said Austin died instantly.